

will be resumed therein. There shall be no preparation of certified products at an inspected plant except under the supervision of an inspector.

§ 355.20 Inspector to have access to plant at all times.

For the purpose of examination or inspection necessary to enforce any of the provisions of this part, inspectors shall have access at all times by day or night, whether the plant is being operated or not, to every part of an inspected plant.

§ 355.21 Products entering inspected plants.

All products of a kind certified under this part or materials to be used in the preparation of such products when brought into an inspected plant shall be identified and inspected at the time of receipt and be subject to further inspection in such manner and at such time as may be deemed necessary. If, upon inspection, any such article is found to be unsound or otherwise unfit, it shall be handled as provided in § 355.28.

§ 355.22 Designation of place of receipt of returned products.

Certified products returned to an inspected plant shall be received at a dock or place specifically designated for the purpose by the plant management with the approval of the circuit supervisor. Such returned products shall be inspected there by the inspector before further entering the plant.

§ 355.23 Tagging products "U.S. retained."

A "U.S. Retained" tag shall be placed by an inspector at the time of inspection on all certified products, materials to be used in the preparation of certified products, or containers thereof, whenever such certified products, materials, or containers are suspected of being unsound or otherwise unfit or not in conformity with the requirements contained in this part. Such tags so placed shall not be removed by anyone other than an inspector.

§ 355.24 Processes to be supervised.

All processes used in the preparation of the certified products shall be super-

vised by an inspector. All steps in the process of manufacture shall be conducted carefully and with strict cleanliness. Inspected plants shall not prepare products of a kind certified under this part unless they conform with the regulations contained in this part.

§ 355.25 Canning with heat processing and hermetically sealed containers; closures; code marking; heat processing; incubation.

(a) Containers shall be cleaned thoroughly immediately before filling, and precaution must be taken to avoid soiling the inner surfaces subsequently.

(b) The inside surfaces of containers of metal, glass, or other material shall be washed by spraying in an inverted position with running water at a temperature of at least 180 °F. The container washing equipment shall be provided with a thermometer to register the temperature of the water used for cleaning the containers.

(c) Perfect closure is required for hermetically sealed containers. Heat processing shall follow promptly after closing.

(d) Careful inspection shall be made of the containers by competent plant employees immediately after closing, and containers which are defectively filled or defectively closed, or which show inadequate vacuum, shall not be further processed until the defect has been corrected. The containers shall again be inspected by plant employees when they have cooled sufficiently for handling after processing by heating. The contents of defective containers shall be condemned unless correction of the defect is accomplished within six hours following the sealing of the containers or completion of the heat processing, as the case may be, except that (1) if the defective condition is discovered during an afternoon run the cans of product may be held in coolers at a temperature not exceeding 38 °F. under conditions that will promptly and effectively chill them until the following day when the defect may be corrected; and (2) short vacuum or overstuffed cans of products which have not been handled in accordance with the above